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FUTURE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

GOV. TAFT THINKS THEY ARE NOT READY FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT.

The Islands, He Says, Need a Government Under American Control, Teaching Them What Individual Liberty Is and

What Constitutional Government Is. WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- The Senate Com-

mittee on the Philippines devoted its morning session to-day to the continuation of Gov Taft's statement as to the progress made in the pacification of the islands. In answer to questions by Mr. Patterson

(Dem., Col.) he said that from 7 to 10 per cent. of the population could speak and write in the Spanish tongue, but practically none in the English. The questions were directed to the possibility of selecting jurors among the natives, but Gov Taft declared that they were not yet ready for the jury system, and the code now established there did not provide for trials by jury. He was asked how many educated, bright, intelligent native lawyers were in practice in Manila and he said that he could not name more than a dozen, but that did not cover them all. Under the Spanish system lawyers had to have a university degree The administration of justice, he said, had been a disgrace and the Judges notoriously corrupt. The Judges who were appointed as Judges of First Instance by Gen Otis had been in a number of cases

Speaking of the platform of the Federal party, so far as it referred to the subject of Statehood, Gov. Taft said that when the platform was submitted to the Philippine Commission the allusion to Statehood was more explicit than it now was, and that the Commission had called attention to the BROOKLYN ADVERTISEMENTS

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fact that Statehood must necessarily be far in the future, and that the Commission could make no promise on the subject. Afterward that point had been very much modified. Continuing, he said:

"We encouraged the Federal party in every way possible. They were pressing on the people the advantages of association with the United States, and they gave to public opinion in the islands the opportunity for an organized expression in favor of peace. I heard many of the speeches made at their public meetings, and I know that the question of Statehood was rarely presented."

Mr. Carmack—What is your opinion as to the proposition of the Federal party that the Philippine Islands shall remain an integral part of the United States?

Gov. Taft—No, sir; I am not. There are constitutional restrictions—for instance, the uniformity of taxation—which would erry much interfere with the prosperity of the islands and with the possibility of conducting government. Therefore I am opposed to the extension of the Constitution to those islands.

Too MANY LONG ISLAND FOXES.

Farmers About Eastport Hunting Pig and Chicken Thieves.

Farmers About Eastport, L. I., have lately been troubled by the foxes that inhabit the pine woods in that part of Long Island. Chickens, and in some instances small pigs, have been carried off at night by the foxes.

One night a farmer sat up to watch for the marauders. About midnight he heard a noise back of the hennery and going out saw, with the aid of a lantern, several foxes hovering about the chicken coop. They were too quick for him and were off before he could fire at them.

ernment is; and subsequently the time will come when the United States and the Filipino people together can agree on what their relationship shall be. Whether it shall be a quasi-independent colony, as Australia and Canada are to England, or as a State in the Union, is a question so far in the future and so dependent on the success of the operation of a stable government now, that I have not myself reached any conclusion on the subject.

Mr. Carmack—You think, then, that it is an open question whether the Philippine Islands should be admitted to the full rights of American citizenship.

Gov. Taft—That is a question which I would not answer two or three generations before it arises. I think that the great evil to-day is the discussion of something utterly impossible of settlement to-day. What the Filipino people need to-day is a stable government under American control, teaching them what individual liberty is and training them up to a knowledge of self-government and when they have is and training them up to a knowledge of self-government, and when they have that, the question of the relationship be-tween them and the United States may be

decided. But the attempt to decide the question in advance seems to me very unreasonable. Mr. Patterson-Would you be in favor of Congress making a declaration that the Philippine Islands are an integral part of the Republic of the United States?

Gov. Taft—I would not be in favor of Congress making any such statement.

Mr. Patterson—And yet that is what the

fact that Statehood must necessarily be Federal party demands at the hands of far in the future, and that the Commission Congress. Are you in favor of granting Congress. Are you in favor of granting them the rights of other Territories? Gov. Taft—No, sir: I am not. There are constitutional restrictions—for instance, the

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The next day several young men started out to kill the foxes or drive them away, and they have been keeping up the hunt ever since. They make about \$4 on every fox they catch. Of this amount \$1 is the bounty and the rest is made by selling the skins and carcasses of the animals.

Some of the man find that the scheme Some of the man find that the scheme combines business and pastime. The farmers are rejoicing over the fact that they are rid of the foxes.

ROBBED HER, BRAINED HER DOG Four Italians Threw Woman Into Her

Closet and Carried Off Her Valuables. The police of the Amity street station Brooklyn, are hunting for four Italians who assaulted and robbed Mrs. Mary Bozzo, an Italian woman, in her apartment on the first floor of 69 Sackett street, on Friday morning. Mrs. Bozzo says that one of the men choked her and demanded that she tell him where her valuables were. She says he also pulled a gold wedding ring from her finger. The woman's small dor berked at the man and one of his com-

CUBANS THANK "THE SUN." Urge a Continuance of Its Support of the

Request for Tariff Concessions. THE SUN has received a number of communications from Cuba thanking it for its attitude on the question of tariff concessions for the island and urging a continuance of its arguments in favor of speedy action by Congress.

Senor Galban, President of the Island of Cuba Merchants' and Manufacturers' Centre, says: "The postponement of the concessions increases the critical situation in the island." Senor Marques, representing the cigar and cigarette manu-facturers, says: "We beg a continuance of your campaign. Senor Zayas, President of the Economic Society, says: "A continuance of the campaign is requested to avert bankruptcy." Senor Bacardi, Havana representative of the Chamber of Commerce of Santiago, writes: "The economical situation in Cuba is becoming

Yesterday THE SUN received this cable message

worse.

"The Planters' Association of Cuba is thankful for your energetic support on reciprocity and begs you to continue with even greater zeal in order to save Cuba from ruin, starvation and the dire consequences arising from thousands of men without employment, circumstances that would hamper the United States' desire to establish a prosperous, orderly and happy JORGE AJURIA, Chairman.

Courses at Columbia Free to Catholie Seminarians.

Upon the application of St. Joseph's Theological Seminary at Dunwoodie, N. Y., the trustees of Columbia University have granted to the seminarians the same privileges of free attendance in certain courses in the school of philosophy as have previously been extended to the students of the General Union and Jewish Theological seminaries in this city and the Drew Theological Seminary at Madison, N. J. The Columbia students will receive reciprocal privileges at St. Joseph's Semi-nary. The university has no theological BROOKLYN ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Women's New Tailored Suits At Least a Fourth Under Price.

There has been enthusiastic praise for the 1902 Tailored Suits we have shown already-indeed, we have had hard work to keep them long enough to print the news. But we never had in February such a sp'endid stock of stylish new Suits as will claim your attention to-morrow.

Styles are fixed for Spring. If you wait a month you will buy just the styles we are showing now and pay at least a quarter more-makers get higher prices when the rush time comes. Now there is chance to choose leisurely from such a group of elegant Suits as was never shown in Brooklyn. There is a wonderful variety of styles; for instance, we have

14 Styles of Tailored Suits at \$29.50.

All the Suits are made with the fine attention to small details that comes when makers have plenty of time. Here are instances of some specially attractive sorts:

attractive sorts:

Tailored Suits, of black and Oxford gray Venetian, new style, double-breasted tight fitting jacket, revers faced with peau de soie, velvet collar, lined with taffeta; skirt is the graduated flounce and is finished with rows of stitching, made over percaline.

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Tailored Suits, of canvas twine cloth, black and navy blue, entirely new model blouse Eton jacket, collar and vest of black moire trimmed with black braid, back finished with lengthwise tucking, graduated, moire belt, lined with taffeta. Skirt is the new seven gore, lap seams, front gores each finished with 3 plaits, giving extra flare, new habit back, unlined.

Anew Paquin model. Tailored Suits of excellent cheviot, in black and navy blue; collarless blouse Eton, with pretty silk embroidered vest, straps of moire on shoulders, ends finished with steel buckles, plaited back, moire belt, turn cuffs; skirt is the seven gore, extreme flare bottom, new habit back. Entire suit over taffeta, slip lining in skirt, with shirred and plaited flounce.

Separate Skirts.

Separate Skirts.

Women's Winter Coats-Clearance.

Jackets, Box Coats, Three-quarter Coats and Newmarkets mostly about half their former prices. They must make speedy disappearance now and we have grouped them for quick clearance. Splendid values and splendid garments—there is a fair six weeks of wear time ahead, too. Prices are **\$3.98, \$5.90, \$9.75, \$12.50, \$14.75 & \$24.75.** Second floor, front, Central Building.

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Black-Half and Less. Imported Mohair black stuffs that we call "Novelties" for want of a better name to describe their rich, yet dainty fig-urings. They were imported to sell at \$1.00 and \$1.25 a urings. They were imported to sell at \$1.00 and \$1.25 a yard, but the importer brought too many for his outlet. That was bad judgment on his part, but it is the reason why you

can buy these specially desired fabrics just at the reason's beginning for half and less than half their worth. Ready to-55c.-Values Are \$1.00 and \$1.25.

\$2.25 Gobelin Tapestry, 98c.

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\$2.95. \$3.89 and \$5.79 a pair Third floor, front. Central Building

COP MADE TO PAY; GOT SQUARE. Made Excise Arrest for Revenge - Magis-

trate Will Tell Partridge. Policeman Frank P. Carter of the Oak street station brought an excise case into the Centre street police court yesterday and was censured from the bench by Mag-

istrate Cornell.

Carter's prisoner was Thomas Callahan of 226 East Seventy-sixth street. Callahan is the bartender in William Bassin's Atlantic Hotel at 63 New Bowery. He was accused of violating the Liquor Tax law by selling Carter whiskey at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. He waived the examination upon this charge and was held for the Special Sessions in \$500 bail, which was furnished.

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After Callahan had been arraigned Bassin, his employer, and John Hoyer, his counsel, began to make things interesting for Policeman Carter. From the three Magistrate Cornell found that matters an like this:

ran like this:

Policeman Carter had owed Bassin \$6
until six months ago, when he paid the debt
under pressure. Then, according to Bassin,
he threatened to "fix" or "square" himself with the saloon proprietor.

This he succeeded in doing yesterday.

It was Carter's day off, the first he had had in twenty days, but he devoted himself to excise enforcement. He went to the Atlantic Hotel early in the morning, even though it was off his post, and summoned Policeman Sheridan of the Oak street station, who was patrolling there, to his aid-

tion, who was patrolling there, to his aid. Carter, who was not in uniform, went into the saloon and ordered two whiskeys. Sheridan refused to take his drink. Carter Sheridan refused to take his drink. Carter drank his whi-key, then arrested Callahan.

On all these points Carter, Bassin and Sheridan agreed. Magistrate Cornell said:

"I consider this entire matter an outrage. On the evidence I shall hold this prisoner, but this action of Policeman Carter in singling out his former creditor on his when one considers how many saloons when one considers how many saloons hereabouts are open at illegal hours, making many excise violations and yet remain since been made available for grazing by irrigation.

De Long vesterday and explained that the sudden falling off of the quantity of water consumed by the hotel was due to the fact that some time ago the laundry was done that some time ago the hotel was well as the meters led the officials of the Department of Water Supply of remove the meters, and it was intimated that the meters had by them hast Thursday that the meters had by them last Thursday that the meters had by them last Thursday that the meters had by them last Thursday that the meters had been tampered with. Mr. De Long and explained that the sudden falling off of the quantity of water consumed by the hotel was due to the fact that the best results would probably the found there. On this expedition, he discovered the Flinders Mountain range and the best results would probably the found there. On this expedition, he discovered the Flinders Mountain range and the best results would probably the found there on this expedition. The big drop in the number of the fact was a decident falling off of the qua many excise violations and yet remain undisturbed. I shall ask Commissioner Partridge to investigate this matter.

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thus early in February. They have been splendid bargains. But for to-morrow the gathering is broader, richer, more beautiful than ever and

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batiste, suitable for street, seaside and mountain wear,

5c. to 75c. Embroideries, 3c. to 25c, Edgings, on excellent Swiss, nainsook and cambric, with scalloped edges and wide margins, cut out ready for use. Fine and pretty and the very newest things to be had at any price,

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Store. The latest things we have brought over in silk and silk and cotton dress fabrics come in the bewitchingly dainty flower patterns on white. The newest French Organdies show the same color schemes. And here are ten thousand yards of Organdies in the most charming flower patterns—small and large sprays and clusters on white. They could not be made to-day to sell for less than 25c. a yard—they are as fresh and dainty as any Organdies we could buy to sell at full prices. And yet you may buy them to-morrow for

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\$5.00, \$6.00 and \$7.00 Suits at \$3.75.

We have been selling them all season at the higher prices—which means that they were the best we could get to sell so. Now the maker is cleaning out his last hundred Suits and they come here by favor, because we are his best customer. They are made of fine woolen cheviots in handsome brown and gray overplaids and mixtures. Coats are the newest single breasted sacks, with single breasted no-collar yests and knee trousers.

\$3.98 Sailor Suits at \$2.75.

Second bargain is for boys from 3 to 10 years old. Dressy Suits of fine navy blue serge, with six rows of silk soutache or two silk stars on collar and silk embroidered emblem on shield. An extra shield of white pique with each Suit, trousers lined throughout, right weight for now and when the overcoat comes off....\$2.75 Second floor, rear, E. Bullding.

A PIONEER EXPLORER DEAD. Mr. Eyre, Who Made a Famons Journey in

the Australian Desert, Dies in England. The name of Edward John Eyre will always be connected with the history of Australian exploration. It was sixty years ago that he pushed into the unknown south-ern part of Australia, the work he did gained the highest recognition from geographers. One of the largest lakes in Australia bears

One of the largest lakes in Australia bears his name. He has passed away in England at an advanced age after serving his country in various important positions in the colonies for many years.

Eyre went to Australia in 1832, when only 17 years old, to seek his fortune in sheep farming. Four years after his arrival the colony of South Australia was founded and a little settlement that has developed into the large city of Adelaide, began to flourish. The discovery of lands along the lower courses of the great Australian rivers and of the new region around the Gulfs of St. Vincent and Spencer had previously been seen by a white had previously been seen by a white man.

When Eyre had advanced 600 miles through this desert two of the black men killed his only white companion and fied, leaving Eyre and three other natives to struggle on almost without supplies for formies to king George Sound where, after incredible hardships, the little party arrived in the spring of 1841, having crossed the entire southern part of the Australian desert. Here Eyre was picked up by a French whaler that was cruising along the coast and taken back to Adelaide.

The published account of Eyre's great journey, which revealed to the world the nature of the larger part of the south coast of the continent, excited world wide interest, and the explorer received the Founder's Medal of the Royal Geographical Society in 1843.

traian rivers and of the new region around the Gulfs of St. Vincent and Spencer had revealed much land well adapted for grazing; so sheep herders began to flock in and Eyre was among them.

It was not long before the colonists began to talk of the possibility that there might be wide tracts of pastoral lands beyond the inhospitable zone that bounds the Adelaide district on the north and west. Young Eyre decided to ascertain if this Young Eyre decided to ascertain if this were so, for if such grazing lands existed the prospects of the colonists would be much improved.

He went first to the north, in 1879, be-

Adelaide on his great expedition to the west in order to discover the extent of the pastoral lands that, it was thought, might exist along the shores of the Great Australian Bight south of the Interior desert. training Bight south of the interior desert.
On this journey he made the discovery that the desert extends to the sea. He travelled along the coast to the west for nearly 1,200 miles without seeing an acre of grass land, though he found plenty of scrub and some animals that were new to science. No part of this region had previously been seen by a white man.

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